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REGARDING YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 30, JANUARY 21, 53.

PUBLICATION US-SPONSORED PUBLIC OPINION POLL, COMING ON HEELS OF BRITISH ARRESTS, HAS AROUSED MORE HEATED COMMENT HERE THAN ANY EVENT IN RECENT MONTHS.

LITTLE DISCUSSION OF POLL'S FINDINGS; MANY INCLINED AGREE SOME INCREASE RIGHTIST TENDENCIES RIGHT WING PARTIES TAKING PLACE. HOWEVER, RELEASE OF POLL TO PRESS REGARDED VARIOUSLY AS EXTREMELY STUPID BLUNDER OR AS PART OF PLOT TO DISCREDIT GERMANY. LATTER OPINION VIEWS U. S. MOVES AS LINKED WITH BRITISH ACTION.

LOCAL CDU LEADERS PARTICULARLY IRATE, REGARDING AFFAIR AS STAB IN BACK FOR ADENAUER; OUR MOTIVES SUBJECT MUCH SPECULATION, INCLUDING FOLLOWING

1. ALLIES TRYING TO PROVE EMERGENCY POWERS NECESSARY AND MUST BE RETAINED UNDER CONTRACTUALS;
2. ALLIES BEGINNING NEW POLICY PHASE, ENDING CO-OPERATION WITH GERMANY IN PREPARATION FOR DEAL WITH SOVIETS IN WHICH GERMANY WILL BE VICTIMS;
3. IN INTERIM BETWEEN DONNELLY AND CONANT, "OLD HICOG PERSONNEL", ALLEGEDLY NEVER RECONCILED TO COOPERATION WITH GERMANS, ESPECIALLY RIGHT-WING, HAVE TAKEN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE LAST POLICY FLING.

FDP AND DP GENERALLY HOLD SIMILAR VIEWS THOUGH HAVE NOT EXPRESSED SUCH VARIETY OF SPECULATIONS REGARDING MOTIVES. THO NON-SPD BREMEN DAILIES TREATED MATTER FULLY IN NEWS AND EDITORIALS, STRESSING THAT RESULT WILL BE SERIOUS WEAKENING MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AT TIME WHEN THIS ELEMENT VITALLY NECESSARY.

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